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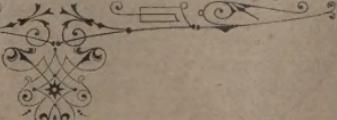
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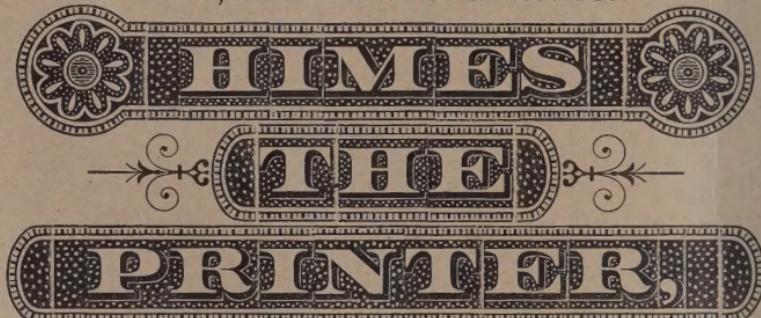
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1880.

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4—William Roberts.....1834	34—J. S. McCain.....1868
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7—William Butt.....1843	37—J. N. Dennison.....1869
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9—T. F. Royal.....1846	39—Joseph H. Skidmore.....1870
10—J. L. Parrish.....1848	40—Joseph Hoberg.....1872
11—Nehemiah Doane.....1848	41—Martin Judy.....1872
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15—N. A. Starr.....1854	45—James Mathews.....1874
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18—Samuel Mathew.....1855	48—Byron J. Sharp.....1874
19—Robert Booth.....1856	49—J. H. Acton.....1874
20—C. Alderson.....1856	50—Wallace Hurlburt.....1874
21—Geo. W. Roork.....1856	51—J. McCormac.....1877
22—P. M. Starr.....1856	52—D. A. Crowell.....1878
23—F. P. Tower.....1856	53—Thomas L. Jones.....1879
24—D. L. Spaulding.....1858	54—John Parsons.....1879
25—I. D. Driver.....1858	55—Thomas VanScoy.....1880
26—W. D. Nichols.....1859	56—Frederick Bonn.....1880
27—J. T. Wolfe.....1859	57—Charles E. Lambert.....1880
28—A. C. Fairchild.....1861	58—W. G. Simpson.....1880
29—W. I. Cosper.....1863	59—S. Asbury Starr.....1880
30—H. C. Jenkins.....1866	

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2—Thos. B. Goodpasture,

3—Ladru Royal,
4—John H. Wood.

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5	Butt, Wm.....	"	Sheridan	Sheridan, Oregon.
6	Booth, R.....	"	Supernumerary ..	Wilbur, Oregon.
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9	Clark, N.....	"	Supernumerary ..	Eugene City, Oregon.
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11	Chapman, W. T.....	"	Eugene City Dis.	Eugene City, Oregon.
12	Crowell, D. A.....	"	Jacksonville.....	Jacksonville, Oregon.
13	Driver, I. D.....	"	Eugene City.....	Eugene City, Oregon.
14	Dillon, I.....	"	Albany.....	Albany, Oregon.
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16	Derrick, C.....	"	Tumwater.....	Tumwater, W. T.
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18	Dennison, J. N.....	"	Salem.....	Salem, Oregon.
19	Fairchild, A. C ..	"	East Portland C't.	East Portland, Oregon.
20	Flinn, John.....	"	Lewis River.....	Vancouver, W. T.
21	Goodpasture, T. B.	Probation'r	Ferndale & Nook-sack Ind. Mis.	Ferndale, W. T.
22	Hoberg, J.....	Elder	Supernumerary ..	Amity, Oregon.
23	Hurlburt, W.....	"	Jefferson	Jefferson, Oregon.
24	Helm, Wm.....	"	Superannuated	The Dalles, Oregon.
25	Jenkins, H. C.....	"	Shedd.....	Shedd, Oregon.
26	Judy, M.....	"	Hall-st, Ames C.	Portland, Oregon.
27	Jones, T. L.....	Deacon	Lafayette.....	Lafayette, Oregon.
28	Laubach, A.....	Elder	Superanuated	Port Townsend, W. T.
29	Lambert, C. E.....	"	Pres. Will. Uni'ty	Salem, Oregon.
30	Miller, J. W.....	"	New Tacoma	Tacoma, W. T.
31	Mathew, S.....	"	Superannuated	Vancouver, W. T.
32	Magill, Thos.....	"	Chehalis	Montesano, W. T.
33	Mathews, Jas.....	"	Dallas	Dallas, Oregon.
34	McCain, J. S.....	"	Klamath Ind. Mis.	Ft. Klamath, Oregon.

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No	NAMES.	RELATION.	APPOINTMENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.
35	McCormac, J.	Elder	Olympia	Olympia, W. T.
36	Nickerson, L. M.	"	Klamath	Klamath Ind. Res., Or
37	Nichols, W. D.	"	Roseburg	Roseburg, Oregon.
38	Parrish, J. L.	"	Superannuated	Salem, Oregon.
39	Patterson, H.	"	Supernumerary	Hillsboro, Oregon.
40	Powell, L. J.	"	Supt. Pub. Inst	Albany, Oregon.
41	Parsons, John	Deacon	Astoria	Astoria, Oregon.
42	Roberts, Wm	Elder	Forest Grove and Cornelius	Forest Grove, Oregon.
43	Royal, J. H. B.	"	Superannuated	Portland, Oregon.
44	Royal, T. F.	"	Howell Prairie	Salem, Oregon.
45	Roork, J. H.	"	Supernumerary	Salem, Oregon.
46	Roork, G. W.	"	Drain	Drain, Oregon.
47	Reese, T. M.	"	Oysterville	Bay Center, W. T.
48	Rogers, L. L.	"	Pres. Ashland Col.	Ashland, Oregon.
49	Spencer, John	"	Superannuated	McMinnville, Oregon.
50	Starr, P. M.	"	Monroe	Monroe, Oregon.
51	Starr, N. A.	"	Springfield	Springfield, Oregon.
52	Spaulding, D. L.	"	White River	Seattle, W. T.
53	Sails, Thos. L.	"	Brownsville	Halsey, Oregon.
54	Sharp, B. J.	"	Oregon City	Oregon City, Oregon.
55	Skidmore, J. H.	Deacon	Sheridan Academy	Sheridan, Oregon.
56	Simpson, W. G.	Elder	East Portland	East Portland, Oregon.
57	Starr, S. Asbury.	Deacon	Corvallis	Corvallis, Oregon.
58	Tower, F. P.	Elder	Ag't W. Univer'ty	Salem, Oregon.
59	VanScoy, Thos.	"	Prof. " "	Salem, Oregon,
60	Wolfe, J. T.	"	Siletz Ind. Mis	Toledo, Oregon.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

NOTE.—Only such names are given as are reported to the Conference by the Pastors of the several charges.

E denotes Elder—D, Deacon—L, Licentiate.

Names.	Relation.	Postoffice Address.
Amidon, W. H.	L.	Montesano, Chehalis County, W. T.
Albright, F.	D.	Seattle, W. T.
Ashby, Geo.	L.	Sublimity, Marion County, Oregon.
Brewer, O. P.	L.	Oakville, W. T.
Boswell, J.	D.	Toledo, Benton County, Oregon.
Burlingame, Wm.	L.	Mt. Pleasant, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
Capps, J.	L.	Sublimity, Oregon.
Cathey, B. A.	L.	Canyonville, Oregon.
Cunningham, W.	L.	Portland, Oregon.
Curtis, E. D.	D.	Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon.
Church, Joseph	L.	Ilwaco, W. T.
Church, A. B.	L.	Ilwaco, W. T.
Clark, H. M.	L.	Salem, Oregon.
Dimick, E.	L.	Grant's Pass, Oregon.
Dollarhide, Wm.	E.	Jacksonville, Oregon.
Daniels, —	D.	East Portland, Oregon.
Dimick, G. W.	L.	Hubbard, Oregon.
Duff, —	L.	Oregon City, Oregon.
Denny, T. F.	E.	Oakland, Oregon.

Local Preachers--Continued.

Names,	Relation.	Postoffice Address.
Earle, S. D.	D.	East Portland, Oregon.
Elliott, F.	E.	East Portland, Oregon.
Exon, J.	L.	East Portland, Oregon.
Ensley, J.	L.	Oakland, Oregon.
Flaherty, J. E. O.	L.	Vancouver, W. T.
Farnsworth, F.	E.	Dayton, Oregon.
Franklin, W. J.	E.	Skipanon, Clatsop County, Oregon.
Freed, W. W.	L.	Salem, Oregon.
Freeland, B. R.	D.	Albany, Oregon.
Garrison, A. E.	L.	Salem, Oregon.
Heroy, E. F.	L.	Portland, Oregon.
Handsaker, J.	E.	Goshen, Oregon.
Hosford, C. O.	E.	East Portland, Oregon.
Harer, J.	E.	Willow Springs, Cal.
Harer, D. B.	L.	Willow Springs, Cal.
James, J.	E.	Dallas, Oregon.
Jordan, J. S.	L.	Isabel, Oregon.
Judkins, E. A.	E.	Eugene City, Oregon.
Judson, J. H.	E.	Salem, Oregon.
Kenniston, H. B.	L.	Halsey, Oregon.
Kelly, P.	L.	East Portland, Oregon.
Kelly, A.	L.	East Portland, Oregon.
Linton, T. C.	L.	Isabel, Oregon.
Lower, W.	L.	Portland, Oregon.
Minkler, H. H.	L.	Olympia, W. T.
Moreland, J.	E.	Salem, Oregon.
Misner, C.	D.	Cartwright, Oregon.
Miller, J.	E.	Yoncalla, Oregon.
Miller, I.	E.	Corvallis, Oregon.
Ostrander, J.	L.	Scio, Oregon.
Pearl, Joseph	D.	Halsey, Oregon.
Pearl, James	D.	Halsey, Oregon.
Palmateer, J. W.	L.	Mt. Pleasant, Oregon.
Powell, C. W.	L.	Eugene City, Oregon.
Patty, W. R.	D.	Salem, Oregon.
Ramsey, R. C.	L.	Silverton, Oregon.
Rhoads, L. H.	L.	Bay Center, W. T.
Rowse, Thos.	L.	Newcastle, W. T.
Rogers, C. D.	L.	Portland, Oregon.
Sale, C. E.	L.	Halsey, Oregon.
Shaver, G. S.	L.	East Portland, Oregon.
Tibbits, J.	D.	East Portland, Oregon.
Van Wrinkle, J. M.	D.	Halsey, Oregon.
Vaughn, D.	L.	Springfield, Oregon.
VanPeer, H.	L.	Grant's Pass, Oregon.
Williams, H. F.	D.	Dallas, Oregon.
Williams, Walter	D.	Dallas, Oregon.
Witten, J. E.	D.	Lincoln, Oregon.
Weir, Allan	L.	Port Townsend, W. T.
White, J.	L.	Sublimity, Oregon.
Wood, S.	E.	Westport, Oregon.

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Fourth Year.....L. L. Rogers, N. A. Starr, N. Clark.
Candidates for Local Deacon's Orders.....Wm. Butt, T. F. Royal.
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TRUSTEES—Class of 1877 re-elected.

VISITORS—J. H. Wood, W. D. Nichols, G. W. Roork.

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First Session.

THE OREGON ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its twenty-eighth session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Eugene City, Oregon, Thursday morning, August 19, 1880, Bishop I. W. Wiley, President of the Conference, after reading the first chapter of the Second Epistle of Peter, announced the second hymn, commencing: "Come, let us join our cheerful songs," which was sung, and prayer offered by N. Doane.

The Bishop then announced the 327th hymn, which was sung. Then the elements of the Lord's Supper were consecrated by the Bishop, and distributed by the Presiding Elders, assisted by Bros. Roberts, Flinn, Driver, Rogers, Jenkins and Miller. The service was one of great and solemn interest, and was enjoyed by an unusually large number of ministers and laymen.

At the close of this service the President addressed the Conference in a very impressive manner.

The Secretary of the last Conference, by request of the President, then called the Roll, and thirty-nine members answered to their names as follows:

W. Roberts,	P. M. Starr,	T. M. Reese,
John Flinn,	D. L. Spaulding,	T. L. Sails,
J. F. DeVore,	I. D. Driver,	J. Mathews,
W. Butt,	W. D. Nichols,	C. Derrick,
I. Dillon,	J. T. Wolfe.	Thos. Magill,
T. F. Royal,	A. C. Fairchild,	B. J. Sharp,
N. Doane,	W. I. Cosper,	J. McCormac,
J. W. Miller,	H. C. Jenkins,	W. T. Chapman,
N. A. Starr,	H. Patterson,	L. L. Rogers,
N. Clark,	A. Atwood,	T. L. Jones,

Oregon Conference,

R. Booth,	L. J. Powell,	J. Parsons,
A. Alderson,	J. N. Dennison,	S. Asbury Starr,
G. W. Roork,	Martin Judy,	L. A. Banks.

J. T. Wolfe was, on motion, re-elected Secretary, and on his nomination, J. W. Miller was elected Assistant Secretary; Thos. Magill, Recording Secretary, and B. J. Sharp, T. L. Sails, L. A. Banks, Statisticians.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed in a line drawn across the church, from the third window—from the chancel—embracing seven tiers of seats.

It was ordered that the daily sessions of the Conference commence at 9 o'clock, A. M. and close at 12 M.

At the suggestion of the President, it was agreed to meet at 8:30 A. M., for devotional services, and J. N. Dennison appointed to conduct said services to-morrow morning.

The Presiding Elders who were appointed at the last session to nominate the usual Standing Committees, presented their report, which was read, amended and adopted, as follows:

BIBLE CAUSE—T. F. Royal, J. McCormac, H. C. Jenkins.

EDUCATION—J. N. Dennison, L. J. Powell, I. Dillon, L. L. Rogers, F. P. Tower.

INDIAN AFFAIRS—W. D. Nichols, Thos. Magill, F. P. Tower, John Flinn, J. T. Wolfe.

PERIODICALS—J. B. Hill.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS—W. I. Cosper, N. Clark.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—S. A. Starr, M. Judy, W. T. Chapman, T. L. Jones.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH—W. Roberts, D. L. Spaulding, D. A. Crowell.

TEMPERANCE—N. A. Starr, L. J. Powell, John Parsons.

TRACT CAUSE—W. Butt, S. A. Starr, G. W. Roork.

POST OFFICES—T. M. Rees, L. A. Banks.

CHURCH EXTENSION—I. D. Driver, J. F. DeVore, C. Alderson.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—J. W. Miller, James Mathews.

CHINESE WORK—L. L. Rogers, J. F. DeVore, Thos. VanScoy.

P. C. ADVOCATE—N. Doane, J. F. DeVore, L. M. Nickerson, P. M. Starr, W. I. Cosper, J. W. Miller, W. Butt.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. S. McCain, I. D. Driver.

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FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY—J. H. Acton, R. Booth, A. Laubach.

EPISCOPAL FUND—H. Patterson.

TO RECEIVE MONEY FOR EXPENSES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES—J. Parsons.

STATE OF THE WORK—I. Dillon, A. Atwood, W. Roberts.

On motion of N. Doane, Local Preachers, visiting the Conference, were invited to seats within the Bar.

Rev. J. B. Hill, of the San Francisco Book Depository, Rev. Mr. Hill, of the Baptist Church, Rev. P. Henderson, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Strong, of the Columbia River Conference, were introduced, and, on motion of A. C. Fairchild, were invited to seats within the Bar.

Rev. F. Bonn was introduced to the Conference, and his transfer from the California Conference to the Oregon Conference announced by the Bishop.

The Report of the Book Committee, and the Annual Exhibit of the Book Concerns at New York and Cincinnati, were received, and, on motion of W. D. Nichols, the former referred to the Committee on Periodicals, and the latter placed on file.

The President presented the certificate of transfer of Thos. Van Scy, an ordained Elder, from the North West Indiana Conference, to the Oregon Conference, and his name was entered on the Conference Roll.

The question of Effective Elders was taken up.

Portland District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder, A. C. Fairchild.

The characters of A. C. Fairchild, J. H. Acton, W. C. Chattin, I. Dillon, T. M. Rees, B. J. Sharp, J. W. Miller, W. Hurlburt, Thos. Magill, C. Alderson, N. Doane, J. Hoberg, Wm. Roberts, T. F. Royal, W. Butt and F. P. Tower, were examined and passed.

W. C. Chattin was located at his own request.

Eugene District was called.

J. S. McCain, the Presiding Elder was not present. L. L.

Oregon Conference,

Rogers presented a report from Bro. McCain, which was read.

The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed: I. D. Driver, T. L. Sails, H. C. Jenkins, W. T. Chapman, J. T. Wolfe, L. L. Rogers, D. A. Crowell, P. M. Starr, N. A. Starr, W. D. Nichols, L. M. Nickerson, G. W. Roork, L. J. Powell.

Puget Sound District was called.

A. Atwood, the Presiding Elder, represented the district.

The characters of A. Atwood, J. F. DeVore, J. McCormac, W. I. Cosper, C. Derrick, James Mathews, M. Judy, J. Flinn, J. N. Dennison, and D. L. Spaulding, were examined, and passed.

The eighth question of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

And the characters of J. H. Allyn, J. H. Roork, H. Patterson, R. Booth and N. Clark were passed, and their relation continued.

The character of Samuel Mathew was examined and passed, and, on motion of P. M. Starr, his relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated.

Papers relating to the Conference Camp Ground were, on motion of A. Atwood, placed in the hands of B. J. Sharp.

On motion of A. C. Fairchild, D. L. Spaulding was appointed to receive money intended for the Woman's Foreign Aid Society.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Hill.

Second Session.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 20th.

Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., and half an hour was devoted to a prayer service, under the direction of J. N. Dennison.

At 9 o'clock Bishop Wiley took the chair, and the business of the session commenced.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The roll of absentees was called, and F. P. Tower and Thos. Van Scy answered to their names.

Rev. Dr. Geary, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. G. E. Ackerman and H. K. Hines, of the Columbia River Conference; Rev. P. C. Hetzler, Agent of the American Bible Society for the State of Oregon and Washington Territory; and Prof. C. E. Lambert of the North West Indiana Conference, were introduced.

The parchments of Geo. H. Greer, a local elder, who, during the year had withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church, were presented by A. Atwood, and placed on file.

The following preamble and resolution, introduced by Wm. Roberts, was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, This Conference has heard of the afflictions which have visited the families of several of its members—Rev. D. A. Crowell, of Jacksonville; Rev. J. F. DeVore, of Seattle; Rev. Thos. Magill, of Dallas, and Rev. T. L. Sails, of Brownsville. In the first case, the death of a beloved wife; in the second, the death of an affectionate son; in the third, the death of a dear child; and in the fourth, that of a beloved infant, therefore—

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to these brethren and their families, in their great affliction; with the earnest prayer that they may be comforted with the Divine presence and blessing.

On motion, L. L. Rogers was appointed to prepare a memoir in case of Sister Crowell, for publication in the Minutes of the Conference.

The certificate of transfer of F. Bonn was presented by the Bishop, and his name entered upon the Roll.

A draft on the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars, was ordered.

The Report of the Trustees of Ashland College, presented by L. L. Rogers, was, on motion of A. C. Fairchild, referred to the Committee on Education.

The ninth question of the General Minutes was called, viz:

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

And the character of each preacher in this class was examined and passed, viz: J. L. Parrish, John Spencer, J. W. York, Wm. Helm, J. H. B. Royal and A. Laubach.

The third question of the General Minutes was then called, viz: *Who remain on trial?*

And Lewis A. Banks, having passed a satisfactory examination was, upon the recommendation of his Presiding Elder, continued on trial.

Thomas B. Goodpasture was not present. Upon the recommendation of his Presiding Elder, he was continued on trial, and ordered to be prepared for examination in the first year's course of study at our next annual session.

The sixth question of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*

And after the Examining Committee had presented their report in each case, and representation by their Presiding Elders, the character of T. L. Jones and John Parsons was passed, and they were advanced to Deacons of the Second Class.

The fourth question of the General Minutes was then called, viz: *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

S. Asbury Starr was called forward, and after being asked the usual questions, and answering the same satisfactorily, was addressed by the Bishop in thrilling language concerning the duties, the responsibilities and the influence of the Christian Ministry.

At the conclusion of the address, Bro. Starr reported his collections, the Committee on Examination presented their report, and upon the recommendation of his Presiding Elder, he was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Prof. Charles E. Lambert, President of the Willamette University, by request of the Conference, consented to a transfer from the North West Indiana Conference to the Or-

egon Conference. The Bishop announced his transfer, and his name was entered upon the Conference Roll.

The seventh question of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

And Charles E. Lambert having passed a satisfactory examination in the prescribed course of study, on the recommendation of his Presiding Elder, was elected to Elder's orders.

On motion of W. T. Chapman, it was ordered that a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of five members of the Conference, be appointed by the President, in the case of J. S. McCain.

The Bishop announced the names of the Committee, as follows: Isaac Dillon, N. Doane, J. McCormac, F. P. Tower, J. Flinn.

Rev. P. C. Hetzler addressed the Conference in the interests of the American Bible Society,

On motion of Thos. Magill, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to inquire into the necessity of establishing a mission at Alaska.

Thos. Magill, A. Atwood and Wm. Roberts were appointed.

On motion, the time of the session was extended.

Notices were given, the Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. D. Nichols.

Third Session.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 21st.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Wiley in the Chair, and was opened with religious services, conducted by Harbert Patterson.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of A. C. Fairchild, J. Hoberg was granted a Supernumerary relation.

The twenty-first question of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?*

And L. H. Rhodes, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Oysterville Circuit, and Joseph Pearl, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Brownsville Circuit, were elected to Deacon's orders.

J. H. Acton and L. J. Powell were, on motion, excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Conference.

A communication from the Quarterly Conference of Astoria charge, requesting that said charge be made the beneficiary charge for church extension for the ensuing Conference year, was read, and, on motion, it was so ordered.

A communication from the Quarterly Conference of Skagit Circuit, requesting a new set of ordination papers for J. K. Hawkins, a local elder on said charge, whose ordination parchments had been lost by the burning of his house, was read and, on motion, the Bishop was requested to issue the necessary papers.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and, after some discussion, re-committed.

An invitation from the ruling elders of the Disciples' Church of Eugene City, for the Conference to use their brick meeting house during its session, was, on motion, accepted with thanks.

The Report of the Committee on the Tract Cause was submitted and, on motion, adopted.

Rev. Mr. Baxter, of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. J. H. D. Henderson, of the Congregational Church, were introduced.

The Report of the Committee on the *P. C. Advocate* was submitted, amended and adopted.

On motion, the time of the session was extended.

On motion, it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 P. M.

On motion of W. D. Nichols, it was ordered that when we re-assemble at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Conference proceed to elect by ballot, without nomination, a committee of five, for the *P. C. Advocate*.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Notices were given, the appointments for Sabbath were announced, the Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by A. Atwood.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, August 21st.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 P. M., Wm. Roberts in the chair, and was opened with religious services, conducted by James Mathews.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

The following resolution, submitted by F. P. Tower, was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the commission appointed to determine all matters pertaining to the *P. C. Advocate* have full power to incorporate the said *Advocate*.

On motion of J. N. Dennison, the special order of the hour was taken up, viz: The election, by ballot, without nomination, of a commission of five, consisting of three ministers and two laymen, for the *P. C. Advocate*.

The Chair appointed John Flinn and H. C. Jenkins tellers.

The balloting resulted in the election of J. N. Dennison, E. J. Northrup, H. Hanson, N. Doane and J. H. Acton.

A motion to adjourn, made by John Flinn, prevailed.

The appointments for Sabbath were announced by I. D. Driver, the Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction, pronounced by J. F. DeVore.

Oregon Conference,

Fifth Session.

MONDAY MORNING, August 23d.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Wiley in the chair, and was opened with religious services, conducted by Thos. Magill.

The Journal of Saturday afternoon's session was read and approved.

The Bishop presented the following certificate for record:

This certifies that the following persons were by me ordained Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church: S. Asbury Starr, Joseph Pearl, Lewis H. Rhodes. The Rev. Charles E. Lambert was also ordained an Elder, by me, assisted by others.

ISAAC W. WILEY.

Done at Eugene City, Aug. 22, 1880.

The following resolutions, submitted by J. T. Wolfe, were adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the presidency of this body for the first time, of Bishop I. W. Wiley, has greatly delighted us; that his able ministry and impartial administration, his words of wisdom and glowing piety, have proved a great blessing and an inspiration which we trust will abide with us for all time.

Resolved, That we will embalm in our memory the generous hospitality of the citizens of Eugene City, and that we will ever pray the giver of all good to reward them with riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Rev. I. D. Driver for his courtesy and manifest regard for our comfort during our sojourn in this Athens of Oregon.

Rev. Mr. Furgurson, of California, Rev. Mr. Slighter, of Michigan, and Rev. Mr. Richardson, of the Baptist church, were introduced.

The twentieth question of the General minutes was called, viz: *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

And East Portland was selected.

The Report of the Commission on the re-organization of the Board of Trustees of Willamette University, was submitted and, on motion, adopted. The following committee was appointed to carry out its provisions, viz: E. Strong, Judge Boise, Dr. Payton.

The following resolutions, presented by A. Atwood, were, on motion, adopted, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Rev. J. T. Wolfe, Conference Secretary, and his assistants, for the able manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties.

2. *Resolved*, That this Conference hereby extend their thanks to the Oregon & California R. R. Co., to the Western Oregon R. R. Co., to the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., to the Northern Pacific R. R. Co., to the Puget Sound Steam Navigation Co., for concessions of reduced rates of fare, granted to members and visitors of this Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That we greatly recognize the cordiality with which the pastors of the churches of other communions in this city have welcomed us to their firesides, and opened their churches for our use.

F. P. Tower, agent of the Willamette University, eloquently addressed the Conference in the interests of that institution.

On motion of P. M. Starr, the Bishop was requested to re-appoint F. P. Tower to the agency of the Willamette University.

The Report of the Committee on Chinese Missions was read, and after some discussion in which the Bishop, L. L. Rogers, J. F. DeVore, Geo. W. Roork, N. Doane, C. Alderson and Wm. Roberts participated, was amended and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, was submitted and adopted.

The following, in relation to the Conference Camp Ground, was, on motion, adopted, viz:

The undersigned having formed themselves into an association, to be known as "The Canby Camp-meeting Association of the Oregon Conference," the object of which shall be to arrange for and conduct camp-meetings and other religious meetings at Canby, Clackamas county, Oregon, hereby petition the Oregon Conference of the M. E. Church to transfer its title to the Conference Camp-ground, situated at Canby, Clackamas county, Oregon, to the aforesaid Association; *Provided*, First, That the said Association assumes all the liabilities on the Camp-ground; and, *Provided*, Second, That a majority of the members of said Association shall be members of the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; *Provided*, Third. That the Oregon & Cal-

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ifornia Railroad Company transfer all privileges ceded to the Oregon Conference, to the above Association.

LADRU ROYAL,
W. T. CHAPMAN,
JOHN N. DENNISON,
T. L. JONES,
THOMAS MAGILL,
S. A. STARR,
JOHN PARSONS,
T. L. SAILS.

The Report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid, was read and, on motion, adopted.

The following, in relation to anniversaries at our next annual session, presented by J. T. Wolfe, was adopted, viz:

That the Presiding Elders of the Puget Sound and Portland Districts, and the Pastors of East Portland and Taylor Street charges, respectively, be and are hereby appointed to arrange a programme for public Missionary, Sunday School, Church Extension, Educational and Temperance anniversaries, to be held during the next annual session of the Conference, and assign the different parts to the speakers at least six months before the meeting of Conference.

The Report of the Committee on Missions in Alaska, was submitted, read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath was read, and after speeches by Bros. Magill, Sails and Driver, was adopted.

The following resolution, submitted by J. F. DeVore and N. Doane, was, on motion, adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Conference that the *P. C. Advocate* should be placed in every Methodist family on our various charges.

Rev. J. B. Hill addressed the Conference in the interest of our church papers.

The time of the Conference session was extended.

On motion of D. L. Spaulding it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 P. M.

L. L. Rogers moved to adjourn. The motion prevailed.

The Bishop appointed J. F. DeVore chairman of the afternoon session.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by I. D. Driver.

Sixth Session.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, August 23d.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment and opened with religious services conducted by H. C. Jenkins, J. F. Devore being in the Chair.

The journal of the Morning's Session was read and approved.

The reports of the various committees were adopted as follows :—Indian Affairs ; Auditing Committee ; Sunday Schools and Church Extension.

John Flinn, Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, submitted his report of the collections made during the past year, which was, on motion, adopted.

The committee in the case of J. S. McCain submitted their report, which was read, and, on motion, re-committed.

W. I. Cosper presented the report of the Board of Stewards, which was, on motion, adopted, and the funds distributed to the various claimants in open Conference as follows :

J. H. B. Royal.....	\$51 60,	Delivered to.....	T. F. Royal.
Widow Rounds.....	44 00,	" "	J. Flinn.
" Leslie.....	44 00,	" "	I. Dillon.
" Royal.....	44 00,	" "	John Flinn.
" Mann.....	44 00,	" "	J. F. DeVore.
J. W. York.....	44 00,	" "	W. T. Chapman.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be, and are hereby appointed a committee to nominate the usual Standing Committees for the next annual session of the Conference.

On motion of Wm. Roberts the present Board of Officers for Conference Sunday Union were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The following in relation to the organization of a Conference Board of Stewards was submitted by C. Alderson, and, on motion, adopted, viz. :

Articles with a view of giving a wider scope and increased efficiency to the Board of Conference Stewards of the Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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ARTICLE 1. Said Board shall consist of four laymen and five ministerial brethren, to be elected by the Annual Conference. Said laymen shall reside as follows: Two in the city of Portland, one in Salem, and one in Eugene City, to be nominated by the respective quarterly Conferences. Said Board shall elect its own President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Time and place of meeting to be determined.

2nd. It shall be the duty of said Board to receive and hold sacred all funds placed in its hands and report the same at each session of the Annual Conference.

3rd. It shall be the duty of said Board, through its Secretary, to correspond with ministers and others with a view of securing a permanent and irreversible fund, to be carefully guarded and securely invested by said Board, the interest alone accruing from said investment to be appropriated from year to year.

4th. Said Board shall have discretionary power to reserve 10 per cent. of the interest accruing from said investment to meet incidental expenses.

These Articles may be amended at any regular session of the Oregon Annual Conference.

On motion of J. N. Dennison, it was ordered, that the Commission recently elected to take charge of the *P. C. Advocate*, have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board.

On motion of F. P. Tower it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7:45 o'clock, and that the nomination of an editor for the *P. C. Advocate* be the special order of that hour.

On motion, it was agreed to adjourn.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung and Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. T. Wolfe.

Seventh Session.

MONDAY EVENING, August 23d.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Wiley in the chair, and was opened with religious services conducted by L. L. Rogers.

The journal of afternoon session was read and approved.

The second question of the General Minutes was called, viz.: *Who are admitted on Trial?* and the following brethren having been duly recommended and having passed satisfactory examination before the Conference Committee were, on motion, admitted, viz.:

Ladru Royal, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Corvallis charge; and John H. Wood recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Wilbur Circuit.

On motion, it was ordered that the sum of all the benevolent collections be placed in the hands of Rev. J. B. Hill.

Joseph H. Skidmore, a Deacon, who had located from the Conference, was, on motion, re-admitted.

The Bishop presented the Certificate of Transfer of W. G. Simpson, an Elder, from the Columbia River Conference to the Oregon Conference.

Triers of Appeals were nominated and elected. (See list.)

A Board of Church Extension was nominated and elected. (See list.)

Committees of Examination were announced by the Bishop and approved by the Conference. (See list.)

The Committee on Missions reported as follows, viz.:

PORTLAND DISTRICT.

Hall street and Ames' Chapel.....	\$ 75 00
Oregon City.....	75 00
Clear Creek.....	75 00
Forest Grove.....	50 00
Howell Prairie.....	100 00
Scio.....	50 00—\$ 425 00

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT.

District.....	\$250 00
Olympia.....	100 00
New Tacoma.....	100 00
Ferndale and Nooksack Indian Mission.....	125 00
Port Townsend.....	125 00
Tumwater.....	75 00
Chehalis.....	50 00
Oysterville.....	75 00

Oregon Conference,

Astoria	150 00
Cowlitz.....	75 00
Lewis River.....	50 00
Centerville.....	50 00
Whidby's Island.....	50 00-\$1,350 00

EUGENE CITY DISTRICT.

District.....	\$200 00
Jacksonville.....	100 00
Roseburg	50 00
Drains.....	50 00
Corvallis.....	175 00
Ashland	100 00
Springfield.....	50 00-\$ 725 00
German Mission Work—Special appropriation.....	800 00

Chinese Work—Special Appropriation.

To Seattle.....	\$500 00
To Portland.....	500 00-\$1,000 00
Grand Total.....	\$4,300 00

On motion of J. N. Dennison, it was ordered that the Educational Collection be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education.

The order of the hour was on motion taken up, viz.:—The nomination of an Editor for the *P. C. Advocate*.

The Chair appointed W. D. Nichols and T. L. Sails tellers.

The vote was then taken with the following result, viz.:

Whole number of votes cast.....	38
Necessary for a choice.....	19
Rev. H. K. Hines received.....	31
Scattering.....	7

Whereupon Rev. H. K. Hines was declared the choice of the Conference for Editor of the *P. C. Advocate*.

The report of the Committee on Education was submitted, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion a Board of Conference Stewards was elected for the ensuing year. (See list).

The Bishop announced the names of the Endowment Trustees of Willamette University. (See list.)

The Committee of Inquiry in the case of J. S. McCain reported, recommending the reference of the case to the Pre-

siding Elder of Eugene City District for further investigation, the results to be reported at the next Annual Conference. The report was, on motion, adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Commission elected to take charge of the *P. C. Advocate* constitute the Publishing Committee of said paper.

A collection amounting to \$12.00 to pay for stationery was lifted.

It was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to transfer the right and title of the Conference in the Conference Camp Ground to the Canby Camp-meeting Association, when the conditions have been met.

On motion of A. C. Fairchild, the Secretaries were constituted a Committee to publish the Minutes.

On motion of I. D. Driver, it was ordered, that the present Board of Incorporators of the Conference be re-appointed.

On motion of J. N. Dennison the Commission on the *P. C. Advocate* was authorized to act in that capacity for the ensuing four years.

The journal was read and approved.

W. D. Nichols moved that after the appointments were read, the Conference adjourn *sine die*. Adopted.

After singing the 816th hymn, beginning "Blest be the tie that binds," Wm. Roberts led in prayer.

The President addressed the Conference, and then announced the appointments for the ensuing year.

The Doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Wiley.

I. W. WILEY,

JOHN T. WOLFE,

President.

Secretary.

J. W. MILLER,
THOMAS MAGILL,
B. J. SHARP,
T. L. SAILS.
L. A. BANKS,

Assistant Secretaries.

Annual Disciplinary Questions.

RECAPITULATION.

QUESTION. I. Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?

By transfer: Thomas VanScoy and Charles E. Lambert, from Northwest Indiana Conference, Frederick Bonn, from the California Conference, and G. W. Simpson, from the Columbia River Conference.

By re-admission: Joseph H. Skidmore.

QUES. II. Who are admitted on Trial? Ladru Royal and John H. Wood—2.

QUES. III. Who remain on Trial? Louis A. Banks and Thomas B. Goodpasture—2.

QUES. IV. Who are admitted into Full Connection? S. Asbury Starr—I.

QUES. V. Who are the Deacons of the First Class? S. Asbury Starr—I.

QUES. VI. Who are the Deacons of the Second Class? T. L. Jones and John Parsons—2.

QUES. VII. Who have been elected and ordained Elders? Charles E. Lambert—I.

QUES. VIII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? J. H. Allyn, Harbert Patterson, J. H. Roork, R. Booth, N. Clark, J. Hoberg—6.

QUES. IX. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? John Spencer, Wm. Helm, J. W. York, J. H. B. Royal, J. L. Parrish, A. Laubach, S. Mathew—7.

QUES. X. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly attended to by calling over the names before the Conference.

QUES. XI. Have any located? W. C. Chattin—I.

QUES. XII. Have any withdrawn? None.

QUES. XIII. Have any been transferred and to what Conference? None.

QUES. XIV. Have any been expelled? None.

QUES. XV. Have any died? None.

QUES. XVI. What is the Statistical Report?

I. MEMBERSHIP.

No. of Probationers.....	659, decrease 70
" " Full Members	3966, decrease 47
" " Local Preachers.....	75, decrease 2
" " Deaths.....	60, increase 23

2. BAPTISMS.

No. of Children.....	108, decrease 32
" " Adults.....	145, decrease 34

3. CHURCH PROPERTY.

No. of Churches	66. Increase, 1
Probable value.....	\$175,700. Increase, \$18,850
No. of Parsonages.....	39. Decrease, 1
Probable value.	\$ 31,130. Decrease, \$ 1,670
Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	\$ 6,669.

Paid on old indebtedness on Church property..\$ 913.

4. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No. of Schools.....	78
No. of Officers and Teachers.....	661
No. of Scholars of all ages.....	4777

5. BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

For Missions.....	\$ 564,95. Decrease, \$285.18
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	\$ 28,25. Increase, \$ 12.90
Board of Church Extension.....	\$ 105,80. Increase, \$ 11.80
Tract Society.....	\$ 27,20. Decrease, \$ 3.00
Sunday School Union.....	\$ 50,15. Increase, \$ 20.35
Freedmen's Aid Society.....	\$ 48,31. Decrease, \$ 21.59
Education	\$ 35,25. Increase, \$ 5.40
American Bible Society.....	\$ 182.05. Increase, \$ 1.55
Other Collections.....	\$ 169,50.

6. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No. of Schools.....	76
" " Officers and Teachers.....	557
" " Scholars of all ages.....	4,639

7. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

For Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops....\$22,633.51.

For Conference Claimants.....\$ 271.60. Increase, \$ 53.44

QUES. XIX. Where are the Preachers stationed?

Portland District, F. P. Tower, P. E.

Portland—Taylor-st....J. H. Acton.	Scio circuit.....W. Hurlburt.
Hall-st. and Ames Chapel....M. Judy.	Dallas.....James Mathews.
Salem.....J. N. Dennison.	Sheridan.....Wm. Butts.
East Portland circuit..A. C. Fairchild.	Lafayette.....T. L. Jones.
Powell's Valley.....C. Alderson.	Dayton.....N. Doane.
Oregon City.....B. J. Sharp.	Lincoln...To be sup. by J. McTier.
Clear Creek...To be sup. by.....G. G. Furgerson.	For. Grove-Cornelius, Wm. Roberts.
Hubbard.....To be sup. by.....S. S. Slighter.	Hillsboro...To be sup. by.....H. Patterson.
Howell Prairie.....T. F. Royal.	German Mission...Frederick Bonn.

Oregon Conference,

Wm. Roberts, Missionary to the Chinese. C. E. Lambert, President, Thos. VanScoy, Prof. in Willamette University, members of Salem Quarterly Conference. J. H. Skidmore, Principal of Sheridan Academy, member of Sheridan Quarterly Conference.

F. P. Tower, Agent of the Willamette University.

Eugene City District, W. T. Chapman, P. E.

Eugene City.....	I. D. Driver.	Monroe.....	P. M. Starr.
Brownsville.....	T. L. Sails.	Springfield.....	N. A. Starr.
Shedd's.....	H. C. Jenkins.	Wilbur.....	J. H. Wood.
Lebanon. To be sup. by M. Hickman.		Roseburg.....	W. D. Nichols.
Corvallis.....	S. Asbury Starr.	Siletz.....	J. T. Wolfe.
Albany.....	Isaac Dillon.	Klamath.....	L. M. Nickerson.
Ashland.....	Ladru Royal.	Fort Klamath Mission.	
Jacksonville.....	D. A. Crowell.		J. S. McCain.
Drain.....	G. W. Roork.		

Lowell L. Rogers, President, L. Royal, Prof. in Ashland College, members of Ashland Quarterly Conference. L. J. Powell, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Oregon; member of Albany Quarterly Conference.

Puget Sound District, A. Atwood, P. E.

Seattle.....	J. F. DeVore.	Vancouver	L. A. Banks.
Olympia.....	J. McCormac.	Astoria.....	John Parsons.
New Tacoma.....	J. W. Miller.	Cowlitz.....	To be sup. by.....J. T. Sweney.
Whidby's Island...T. B. Goodpasture.		Lewis River.....	John Flinn.
Ferndale and Nooksack { To be sup. Indian Mission.....	{ by J. A. Tenant.	East Portland.....	W. G. Simpson.
Port Townsend.....	W. I. Cosper.	White River.....	D. L. Spaulding.
Tumwater.....	C. Derrick.	Skagit.....	To be supplied.
Chehalis.....	Thos. Magill.	Centerville..	To be sup. by.....W. T. Williams.
Oysterville.....	T. M. Reese.		

QUES. XX. Where and when shall the next Conference be held? East Portland, Oregon. Time not given.

QUES. XXI. Have any Local Preachers been ordained? Joseph Pearl and L. H. Rhoads.

QUES. XXII. Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition? See Report on Education.

QUES. XXIII. Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension. See Officers and Committees of Conference—1880.

Reports from Committees.**I.
Auditing Committee.**

The Auditing Committee has carefully examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders of the respective Districts—Puget Sound, Portland and Eugene

City, for the Conference year ending August 19th, 1880, and find the same to be correct with the exception of \$80.00 appropriation to Empire City in the Eugene City District, for which there is no account.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MILLER.
JAMES MATHEW.

II.

Report on the Establishment of a Mission at Alaska.

The Committee to whom was referred the question of a Mission in Alaska, would report :—

That they cannot just now obtain information sufficiently full and explicit to warrant the sending any one there at present :—but would ask further time to correspond with some persons in Alaska, acquainted with the condition of the country, and report the result of our investigation to the Mission Board and to this Conference at its next Session.

THOS. MAGILL.
WM. ROBERTS.
A. ATWOOD.

III.

Report on the Bible Cause.

This department of our work has been steadily advancing, and still the demand for the Bible is rapidly increasing.

A few important facts, gathered from the report of a special committee of the last General Conference on the work of the American Bible Society, may properly be reiterated here, not merely to show the magnitude of that Society's operations, but to encourage and stimulate all our people to greater liberality, and all our preachers to increased efforts in sustaining the interests, and pushing forward the objects and enterprises of this, the oldest benevolent institution on our Coast, and among the grandest schemes in the world for spreading the Gospel, and advancing the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first fact we quote is, that "*two million dollars* have been expended during the quadrennium in the work of printing and circulating the Word of God in this and other lands."

The second is, the Society has "met the increasing demand for Bibles and Testaments by issuing upon the average *five copies per minute* for every working day of ten hours during the entire four years."

The third is, "The Society has made grants of Bibles to various churches and missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also to the Sunday School Union, and Freedmen's Aid Society. In addition to this, grants of money to the amount of nearly \$28,000 have been made during the same period to the Missionary Society of our Church for missions in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Italy, India and Mexico.

An abstract of the thirty-sixth Annual Report of this Society shows an expenditure in the *gratuitous work*, for this year of \$338.187.60.

From Rev. P. C. Hetzler, Dist. Sup. A. B. S., we learn that the reports from the fields within the bounds of our Conference indicate a measure of success beyond that of a year ago. The "volunteer plan" has been relied on wholly for the circulation of the Scriptures. Some of the ministers have taken greater interest in the work of personal visitation and Bible distribution during the year than heretofore.

Grants of Bibles have been made to several Indian reservations and to needy Sabbath schools and mission churches.

More than one thousand destitute families have been supplied, mostly in Oregon in the last six years, but still there are many within our borders, without the Word of Life. To supply these, is the work of the Bible Society, largely, through the volunteer services of the preachers of this Conference.

We, your committee, would beg leave respectfully to submit the following :

WHEREAS, The safety of our country and the perpetuity of our Government depend upon the intelligence, and morality of our people ; and

WHEREAS, The Bible is the only standard of wise and wholesome law; therefore,—

Resolved, That it is our imperative duty to put the Bible, if possible, into the hands of every citizen and especially into all our common schools.

Resolved, That for this purpose we will continue our co-operation with the A. B. S. and its duly authorized agents—that we will, in the absence of the agents' visits to our fields of labor, present the claims of the Society to our congregations, and take collections for its treasury ; and that we will also aid the Society in its work by seeking out and supplying the destitute.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. ROYAL,
J. McCORMAC,
H. C. JENKINS,
Committee.

IV.

Report of Committee on Chinese.

[Rev. William Roberts reported on the condition of the mission at Portland.—See Report "B"].

Rev. J. F. DeVore reported the following in regard to the mission at Seattle :

We have at this place a Chinese chapel comfortably seated, furnished with gas lights and everything necessary for holding meetings. There is a membership of fifteen, who hold weekly prayer and praise meetings ; also a Sabbath School which has been attended by fifty-seven Chinese the past year.

Mrs. Belle Thomas, assisted by others, has conducted a night school, free of charge, for the last three years. It is proposed to hold this school subsequently in the chapel. At our last Quarterly Conference a Committee, or Board of Directors was constituted for the purpose of employing teachers, provided sufficient missionary appropriations can be obtained. In view of the demands of our Chinese Mission at Seattle, and in view of the great number of Chinese already within and still coming within the bounds of our Conference,

Resolved, 1. That we ask the Bishop and Cabinet to make donations of the present appropriation to both Portland and Seattle.

2. That we ask the Mission Board at New York to appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars for the Chinese work in this Conference, and that Bishop Wiley present our cause to the Board.

3. That we deem it of vital importance for all our ministers, wherever possible, to organize Chinese missions and Sabbath schools.

4. That we hereby invite Bishop Wiley to address the Conference on this subject.

5. That we request the continuance of Rev. Wm. Roberts as Superintendent of the Chinese missions.

6. That the Chinese should be treated kindly; and every effort within our power be put forth to convert them to God and teach them the ways of life.

L. L. ROGERS,
J. F. DEVORE,
T. VANSCOY.

Report "B."

The undersigned, in addition to a very important charge in Washington county, has been expected to look after the Chinese within our bounds. What has been done, has been chiefly in Portland and Seattle. To encourage the Portland School I have furnished a school-room at an expense of ten dollars per month since October 13th, 1879. It is centrally located, in the same building with the Chinese Home, for which they pay \$15 per month.

The school is held six nights in the week, from 7 to 9 o'clock, except on Sabbath, when it is held an hour and a half before time for service.

The teachers are mostly graduates from the High School in Portland, under the supervision of Bro. Thomas B. Maxwell. At the last term there were fifty scholars, with an average attendance of about thirty. When the school was started nearly three years ago, there were ten boys who assumed the financial responsibility, of whom Moy Ling was the principal. The "*original ten*," as they were called, has dwindled down to seven, and some of these are expected to leave. These boys have fitted up the school, paid for books, lights,

fuel, \$150.00 for an organ, the whole rent up to last October, and for the Home since that time—they have hunted up scholars and done a good deal of missionary work. The deportment of the scholars is excellent, treating their teachers with much kindness, and paying them, when they are able, one dollar each per month. These strangers are slow to assume financial responsibility, and some relief is needed very much to aid the school—the much needed appropriation, it is hoped, may now be used. In the absence of any one better qualified, I shall willingly look after this interest another year.

The Chinese population of Portland is set down by the census at 4,500, but in the fishing season many are away at the fisheries, others are out grubbing in the country, and hundreds are on the lines of the railroads of Eastern Oregon and Washington.

Portland is the rallying point and here we especially need a building for school purposes. The glamour thrown around this Chinese question by the politicians is a California scare-crow, conjured up by Dennis Kearny & Co. It is entitled to no respect ;—but it confuses the minds of many good people and they are timid in doing anything in this cause. It is well to know that the Chinese population of San Francisco is only 1-11th of the whole population of the city ; the death rate among the Chinese there is only 25 per 1,000, a ratio less than the mortality of the tenement house population in New York. God, in his Providence, is bringing this question of Christian duty to our doors and laying it on our hearts, as a test of Christian character. Shall we accept the trust, teach them our language, tell them of our Savior, and bring them to repentance ?

WILLIAM ROBERTS.

v.

Report on Church Extension.

The amount raised by this Conference for the current year is \$108.30.

This Society is doing a good and very extensive work, looking to the erection of neat, substantial and commodious houses of religious worship in every needy and destitute section of our beloved Zion, and commends itself to the judgment, sympathy and hearty co-operation of all her friends.

Your committee can but regret the smallness of the amount raised by this Conference the past year, and yet at the same time we would indulge the hope that the full amount assessed (*i. e.* \$800) to be raised by this Conference the coming year, will be fully met.

I. D. DRIVER,
J. F. DEVORE,
C. ALDERSON.

Report of the Educational Committee of the Oregon Conference, 1880.

No work in which this Conference is engaged has nobler aims or more imperative demands than the educational work in our various schools and colleges. Our civilization demands not only *culture* but *Christian culture*, while our Christianity demands true mental development. We can only solve the political, the social, the moral and the religious questions of our age by raising up a generation of young men and women whose enlightened mind shall be guided by an enlightened conscience and a sanctified love of truth.

For the accomplishment of this end we began early, have toiled hard and purpose to toil on while the cause of our Master's Kingdom is entrusted to our keeping.

Under the patronage of our Conference we have one University, one College and three active Academies.

Willamette University located at Salem, consists of a College of Liberal Arts, a Medical department, a Woman's college, a Business college and an Academy, with three other academies as correlated schools, also a Musical department.

The College of Liberal Arts has been embarrassed for want of funds, and hence its faculty is reduced too small for the best efficiency.

At the beginning of the year the institution was very fortunate in securing the services as acting President of Rev. Chas. E. Lambert, A. M., B. D., of Indiana, who afterward was elected president. Prof. Lambert is a very competent and thorough man and we compliment ourselves on the acquisition of such a valuable man. In addition to his duties as president he is also a Professor in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Medical department is located at Portland and is as prosperous as usual. Its graduates rank by the side of those of any other institution on the Coast.

The Woman's college is in connection with the college of Liberal Arts at Salem, and will meet a felt want in the educational demands of our State.

The Academy has been thoroughly reorganized, and is now without question the best organized academy in our State. Rev. Thos. VanScoy, A. M., B. D., a very competent and energetic teacher is principal.

The Business department is new and proposes to be second to none in the State. Competent instructors have been secured.

Your committee beg leave to say that we have received no statement of attendance or of work done—neither any statement of financial condition or outlook.

The following are recommended for trustees as the Class of 1880. (See list).

ASHLAND COLLEGE AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

This Institution is of college grade, but its immediate work will be chiefly

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preparatory. A year ago it was placed under the supervision of the M. E. Church, and its trustees were elected by the Oregon Conference.

The trustees thus elected placed the school in the hands of Rev. Lowell L. Rogers, A. M., as President for a term of five years, giving him the right to nominate his own assistants.

By the terms of the contract entered into by Prof. Rogers and the trustees, he was to take the school, pay all expenses and make what he could out of it. Fees for tuition are the only source of revenue to the school.

Changes have been made in the corps of instructors as follows : Prof. and Mrs. Nichols have resigned their respective positions, and Rev. Ladru Royal, A. M., a man of fine literary qualifications and eminent success in teaching, has been elected Professor of Latin and Greek Languages and Literature, and Miss Ella M. Scott, a lady of acknowledged ability in her department, Teacher of Music. They have both signified their acceptance of the positions to which they have been elected.

During the last year one hundred and forty different scholars have been in attendance. Of these, fifty-two have entered to complete one of the prescribed courses of which there are five, viz. : Classical, Scientific, Normal, Commercial and Musical.

The patronizing territory of this Institution is properly all of Southern Oregon and Northern California, a region vast in extent and capable of supporting permanently many large and populous communities.

It is very fortunate that our Church has in Ashland College an opportunity to furnish Christian instruction and training to the youth of this delightful region.

Tuition is \$40.00 a year; one pupil for three years or three pupils from one family one year, \$100.00. Total expense, including tuition, board and music, \$250.00 a year. The religious interest during the last year has been good. Students' prayer meetings are held at 3 p. m. on Sunday.

While the modern demand for practical business education is met, the solid classical studies are honored and encouraged.

A class of five will begin the studies of the junior year September first.

With the present able and efficient faculty we have great confidence that this young institution has before it a bright and honorable career, and with much hard work on the part of the instructors, and a cheerful co-operation on the part of the people, will be a great blessing to both Church and State.

We would recommend that the following named gentlemen be elected trustees. (See list).

SANTIAM ACADEMY.

The following excellent report has been furnished by the Chairman of the Visiting Committee. (See report).

The real status of this school is this: The property is held by the school in fee simple, but the charter provides that the trustees shall be constituted by the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The school belongs really and truly to our Church.

We recommend the pastors of Shedd's, of Brownsville and of Jefferson circuits as visiting committee.

Persons to be elected to fill the board of trustees for the Santiam Academy. (See list).

PORLAND ACADEMY.

We have received the following report from this institution which we approve. (See report).

WILBUR ACADEMY.

This institution has been very fortunate in securing the services of Prof. H. L. Benson, A. M., of California, as its principal. The past year has not been so prosperous as could be wished, but the prospect is now much better.

We recommend the appointment of the pastors of Wilbur, Roseburg and Drain circuits as a visiting committee.

It is recommended that the Class of 1877 be re-nominated as Trustees.

SHERIDAN ACADEMY.

This school is located in a pleasant and healthful spot in Yamhill county, and is also fortunate in having secured the services of that well known educator—Rev. J. H. Skidmore, A. M., as its principal.

Prof. Pettinger has conducted a district school in the building the past year.

We ask the appointment of the pastors of Sheridan, Dallas and McMinnville circuits for the coming year as visiting committee.

No nominations of trustees having reached us, we recommend the re-election of the class of 1877.

Resolved, That we cordially invite Presidents Lambert and Rogers to our pulpits and our homes in the interests of the institutions under their respective management.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate and heartily commend the labors of Rev. L. J. Powell, Superintendent of Public Instruction, in behalf of our common schools, and that we request the Bishop to reappoint him to that position.

REPORT FROM PORTLAND ACADEMY AND FEMALE SEMINARY, 1880.

To the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Oregon:—The Board of Trustees of the Portland Academy and Female Seminary would respectfully report :

1st. That at the annual meeting of said Board, held on the 16th inst., the following named persons were nominated as the first class of Trustees to hold office for three years, viz.:—Wm. H. Watkins, E. J. Northrup, William Roberts, Abraham Waltz, Isaac Dillon, Henry Miller, and M. F. Mulkey.

2nd. That the said Board extend, for one year, the proposition made last year to the Willamette University in relation to turning over to said University the said Academy property, the particulars of which will be found on pages 36 and 37 of the Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference for 1879.

3rd. The following named persons were elected officers for the ensuing

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year: William H. Watkins, President; E. J. Northrup, Vice President; George H. Chance, Treasurer; Addison C. Gibbs, Secretary.

4th. In other respects the Academy is substantially in the same condition as last year, excepting that lot five of the Academy Block has been sold for \$3,000 to pay off an old debt of \$1520.25, and the balance to be applied as contemplated, in the proposition made to the Willamette University heretofore referred to.

Six hundred dollars of said purchase money has been paid, and balance is due on the first day of December next, secured by a mortgage on said lot. This lot is of less value than any other in the block.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ADDISON C. GIBBS,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANTIAM ACADEMY FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JULY 1, 1880.

Total number weeks taught.....	38
" " Teachers (winter term).....	3
" " Students enrolled.....	98
" " " Males.....	52
" " " Females.....	46
" " Primary branches.....	15
" " Common school.....	58
" " Philosophy	12
" " Higher arithmetic.....	18
" " Algebra	15
" " Geometry and Trigonometry.....	3
" " Book-keeping.....	12
" " Instrumental Music.....	15
" " Receiving teachers' certificate (on written examination)..	10
Amount charged in tuition.....	\$ 750

There has been no receipts of money from any other source. No cases of expulsion or punishment have occurred.

The buildings of the Academy are in about the same condition as at the close of last year, and need some repairs and repainting. The library numbers about 250 volumes. The apparatus needs repairing. The school has prospered as well, and even better, than could have been expected taking all the circumstances into consideration—such as the failure of crops last year and the consequent depression in monetary matters. This, with the unsettled financial condition of the school, has made a greater degree of success very difficult, if not impossible. The school has been under the supervision of Prof. J. S. Gilbert, assisted by Helen R. Gilbert and Mary E. Gilbert.

The importance of this school, considering the present outlook and the future commercial importance of the location with the prospect of railroad connections with Albany and Portland, and other important points, is second to none of its grade.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. JENKINS.

VII.

Report on the Freedmen.

Your committee respectfully report as follows:

The cause of the Freedmen should no longer be considered among those of minor importance, or one to be treated with little consideration. As represented through the " Freedmen's Aid Society " of our Church it stands next in importance, if, indeed, not equal, in its claim to the Missionary Cause or that of Church Extension. It is both these causes combined. Without homes, without friends, money, schools, teachers, or churches, oppressed for their very loyalty to our Church and the Government, the colored people of the South stand in poverty and nakedness at our door asking for that help without which they must still remain in ignorance, rags and ruin. While they plead for our protection, Romanism pleads for their patronage. While the M. E. Church more than any other church in the land is responsible for their present condition, in the necessary transition from slavery to freedom, the Papacy proposes to help them out, by providing free schools and churches. We dare not let this contract. If we fail to heed their cry for present help, by withholding the substantial material and moral contributions required now, we may yet hear their cry in the ranks of our enemies, when in the future they come back to claim blood for blood.

We regret the decrease of Conference collections, as shown in the report this year, and therefore

Resolved, That we urge greater attention to this subject the coming year, and recommend our pastors to preach upon it at least once in each Society.

J. H. ACTON,
R. BOOTH.

Committee.

VIII.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

TO THE OREGON ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Your Committee on Indian Affairs would beg leave to report :

We believe the present policy of our Government towards the Indians, known as the " Peace Policy," to be wise and humane, and it has our most emphatic approval. The Government, in carrying out this policy, has placed five reservations within the bounds of this Conference under the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Church. What does the Government expect of us? What is our duty in this matter? These are questions to which we should give some attention. We are evidently expected to nominate persons for the office of agent who are good business men and strictly honest ; and in addition to these qualifications, if we would accomplish all that may reasonably be expected of us as a Church, we should nominate none but those who are strictly pious and who will heartily co-operate with our Church in all its efforts to civilize and Christianize this unfortunate people. Every reservation placed under our supervision ought to be organized into a Methodist mission ; and, that the mission may be successfully carried on, the agent and all of the

employees should be consistent members of, and in hearty sympathy with, the Methodist Episcopal Church. Then there should be a minister on every reservation to preach the Gospel, visit the sick and pray with them in their lonely cabins, and to bury the dead. A Methodist mission can only be carried on successfully by members of the Methodist church who are in sympathy with its work.

Of the five agencies placed under the supervision of this Conference, but two of the agents are members of the Methodist church, viz : the agents at Siletz, and at Klamath. Siletz is, probably, the most promising field. Our Conference has taken a deep interest in the Indians on this reservation, and kept a missionary there ever since the reservation passed under the supervision of our Church. He, in connection with the agents and employees, has usually labored faithfully to civilize and Christianize these Indians, and the Lord has owned and blessed their labors. These Indians were formerly the most cruel and bloodthirsty on the Pacific Coast. At the close of the Indian war of 1855-56, five thousand of them were placed upon this reservation. As they were brought in contact with the worst class of whites, their numbers rapidly diminished, until at the time of the inauguration of the present policy, but one thousand five hundred all told, remained. Now our Church has a membership of one hundred and thirty, including probationers, and a large per cent. of them are deeply pious, exhibiting all the fruits of the Spirit. So rapid has been their advancement in all that pertains to civilization that they are scarcely like the same people. Their sanitary condition has also so improved that the number of births annually, according to the report of the resident physician, has been slightly in excess of the number of deaths, for the past two or three years.

The present agent took charge July 14, 1879 ; and some of his employees are not in sympathy with the doctrines and usages of our Church, and so express themselves to the Indians. In consequence of this, and for other reasons which it is not necessary here to mention, but little advancement has been made by the Church this year, though most of the employees have labored faithfully. That our Church may be as successful in this field in the future as it has been in the past, we would nominate for agent at Siletz reservation Hon. Francis M. Wodsworth, a gentleman known by many members of this body to be well qualified in every respect for the office.

Your committee has no report from Neah Bay or Quinault. As the agents in charge of these reservations are not members of the Methodist Church and were not recommended by the Missionary Board, we would nominate Miller G. Royal for agent at Neah Bay, and John W. Miller for agent at Quinault.

KLAMATH AGENCY.

The Indians of this reservation are making commendable progress in civilization. They very readily accept the facts connected with the Christian religion. Several of them have a clear Christian experience. Nearly the whole tribe are slowly and yet surely growing toward a better social and moral condition. They are emphatically an industrious and temperate people.

One omen for good is the diminished influence of the "medicine men." More than one-half of these have recently, by the actions of the chiefs, been forbidden to practice. This will lead to good results. The "Boarding School" is prospering as never before. The outlook for the future was never as good as now. Religious services, consisting of one sermon, an interesting Sunday school and a prayer meeting, are held each Sunday. There is no tribe on this Coast that bid fair to civilize and Christianize more readily and easily than these Indians.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That we recommend extending the laws of the states and territories in which the reservations may be located, over the reservations, so as to make the Indians amenable to the laws for the crimes of murder, theft and adultery.

2. That we recommend the Government to give every Indian who may desire it, a title to a tract of land of 160 acres more or less, and to make the title inalienable for a period of twenty years.

3. That our Presiding Elders are requested to visit the agencies in their respective fields, and remain sufficiently long to become acquainted with the conditions of the agency, and make a report of the same to this body.

4. That we ask the Missionary Society for an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the Indian work.

WM. D. NICHOLS,
THOMAS MAGILL,
F. P. TOWER,
JOHN FLINN,
Committee.

IX.

Report on Pacific Christian Advocate.

The *Pacific Christian Advocate* begun as a private enterprise, and subsequently was transferred to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has thus far remained the only publishing interest of the Oregon Conference during the last quarter century. It has been aided in its publication by valuable donations of money and material from time to time, as was deemed necessary, until the session of the General Conference in May last. At that time that body donated and directed the agents of the Book Concern to transfer to the publishing committee appointed by the Oregon and the Columbia River Conferences, all its material interests in the paper, consisting of building, type and all fixtures requisite for its publication. In addition to this, the General Conference gave us a subsidy of \$2,500, which was deemed sufficient to cover all arrearages, up to the end of the current calendar year.

The exhibit of the paper, as obtained from the office of publication, July 31st, 1880, is as follows :

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EFFECTS.

Building, type and fixtures.....	\$1,145 70
Due from Book Concern.....	1,500 00
" " Preachers, Oregon Conference.....	379 08
" " City advertisers.....	289 70
" " Preachers, Columbia River Conference.....	180 90
" " Individual subscribers.....	121 00
" " Eastern advertisers.....	74 63
" " Sundry accounts.....	21 54
Cash on hand.....	71 77—\$3,784 32

LIABILITIES.

Due Loan Fund.....	\$1,137 50
" Subscribers.....	913 55
" Interest, Loan Fund.....	215 73
" J. E. Aiken.....	141 84
" Advertisers paid in advance.....	93 83
" Mary Connell.....	75 00
" Rev. J. H. Acton.....	74 22
" Dora McGrew.....	71 20
" Oregonian Publishing Company.....	49 00
" Clackamas Paper Company.....	46 67
" Sundry accounts.....	35 35—\$2,853 89
Balance.....	\$ 930 43

CURRENT EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1880.

DR.

Printing, presswork and paper.....	\$1,750 33
Salaries and Commissions.....	1,876 14
Incidental.....	394 70—\$4,021 17
Paid on account old liabilities.....	1,789 47
	\$5,810 64

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Subscription.....	\$2,303 37
Advertising.....	1,679 94
Book Concern.....	1,425 17
Room rent, sale of old paper, etc.....	110 84—\$5,408 48
	\$5,810 64

Balance.....	\$ 402 16
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Cash received.....	\$5,502 61
" disbursed.....	\$5,430 84
" on hand.....	71 77
	\$5,502 61—\$5,502 71

PROFIT AND LOSS.

DR.

To old and doubtful accounts.....	\$1,210 07
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SUBSCRIBERS.

Whole number full paying, Columbia River Conference	136
" " preachers, " " " at \$1.35 ..	33
" " ex. and free " " "	7— 176

" " full paying, Oregon Conference.....	576
" " preachers, " " at \$1.35.....	63
" " ex. and free " "	55— 694
" " full paying, outside.....	40
" " ex. and free, outside.....	94— 134
Total.....	1,004

The Columbia River Conference, at its last session, took action on the matter of publishing the *Advocate*, and the Oregon Conference is recommended to concur with them in the following particulars :

" 1st. That we recommend the creation of a joint commission of nine, which shall have full power to determine whether it is practicable to publish the paper at all or not, and if so, to mature and inaugurate some plan—employ a business manager and editor, and take or provide for the safe management of the whole matter. Said commission to consist of two ministers and two laymen from the Columbia River Conference, and three ministers and two laymen from the Oregon Conference."

Respecting this first measure, your committee would recommend the hearty and unanimous concurrence of the Conference ; " *Provided*, that discretionary power be given the commission hereafter to be appointed, to employ one or two men to conduct the paper."

" 2nd. That inasmuch as the paper *must* be published at Portland, and hence managed largely by men within the bounds of the Oregon Annual Conference, that we deem it a matter of courtesy that this Conference be granted the privilege of nominating its editor, and that we respectfully ask the Oregon Annual Conference, if possible, to second our nomination ; and we therefore recommend for your approval, the Rev. Harvey K. Hines, a man not only well qualified to fill the editorial chair, but one whose long residence among us and intimate connection with the growth of Methodism on this Coast has made his name a household word in both Conferences, and point to him as *the* man for the place."

In regard to the appointment of an editor for the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, your committee do not find it necessary to indicate any preference for any one that might be considered a candidate for the position. Rev. H. K. Hines is extensively acquainted with the growth of Methodism within the bounds of both Conferences, no one is more so, and he possesses many qualities which are indispensable to an editor, and which commend him to such a position ; but your committee believe that a report of this character is not the place to express any preference, or to use any influence in the matter. The proper time to decide this question will have come when the ballots are about to be deposited by those who are authorized to deposit them.

" 3rd. That we will earnestly and cordially labor for the success of the paper—co-operating fully with the recommendation and action of the Commission, and that in case Brother Hines is chosen as its Editor, we believe that we can secure a paying list of five hundred subscribers within the bounds of the Columbia River Conference.

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"4th. That we elect two of our number, who with three members of the Oregon Conference shall, in case the Commission so determine, constitute a Publishing Committee.

"5th. That as a Conference we will not ask or receive any premium or bonus for subscriptions, but will account to the *Advocate* office the full subscription price for every *Advocate* taken, *provided*, the Oregon Annual Conference will do the same."

Your committee recommend the hearty indorsement of this last item by the latter Conference, and respectfully submit for earnest and careful consideration and action the foregoing propositions.

N. DOANE,
P. M. STARR,
J. F. DEVORE,
W. I. COSPER,
J. W. MILLER,
W. BUTT,
Committee.

X.

Sunday School Report.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows :

Number of Schools.....	76
Decrease from last year.....	9
Number of officers and teachers.....	612
Increase over last year.....	13
Number of scholars of all ages.....	4683
Increase over last year.....	89
Number of conversions.....	181
Increase.....	17
Library books.....	3442
Decrease.....	2053
Amount expended for Sunday Schools.....	\$ 1,336 00
Decrease.....	1,86 00
Amount collected for Sunday School Union.....	48,70 00c

It must be borne in mind that your committee could do no more than simply to report as statistics, the aggregate of reports furnished by the pastors. But from several charges no reports whatever have been furnished, while many of the reports handed in lack some important items.

Your committee are convinced that simple faithfulness to duty on the part of each pastor would have furnished true reports, showing an increase in nearly every item.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

S. A. STARR,
Chairman.

XI.

Report on the Sabbath.

The public sentiment in regard to the sanctity of the Sabbath is not so well assured as we could wish. The encroachments of secular business, especially in seed-time and harvest ; the tendency of many of our citizens to make it a

day of amusement and recreation, and the teachings of some seventh-day advocates serve to undermine public confidence in the Sabbath, so that a constant and full restatement of the great law of the Sabbath becomes necessary. It will be a great help to us to remember that God has written the necessity for the Sabbath upon the physical nature of both man and beast. A commission appointed years ago in England decided that for well known physical reasons, both man and beast should rest one day in seven; but the great remedy for the danger lies in a careful study of God's Word as to the nature and benevolent design of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is as old as creation; it is as binding as "Thus saith the Lord;" the cherished memories of childhood and age connect it with the happiest hours of earth, and he who would undermine our confidence in the Sabbath is a fraud both in moral science and Christian piety. We recommend the circulation in all our charges of Dr. Benson's work on "The Lord's Day," as an effectual antidote to the poisonous sentiments above alluded to. It is sent by mail at \$1.50 per dozen, from the Book Depository in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

WM. ROBERTS,

D. L. SPAULDING,

Committee.

XII.

Report on Temperance.

Your committee would report that a glorious temperance work has been going forward for two years past within the bounds of this Conference, known as the Gospel Temperance Movement. Different temperance organizations labor harmoniously in this great moral reform. The number identified in this work may be safely estimated at eighteen thousand. In proof of their influence we would observe that the Legislature of W. T., at their last session passed a civil damage and a confirmed inebriate law; and it is hoped by the friends of temperance that similar laws will be passed by the next Legislature of this State. In the interest of the cause of Christ and humanity we hail with delight this temperance movement in our midst and pray God it may go on to final victory.

1st, *Resolved.* That we heartily endorse all honorable means to promote the cause of temperance, and we earnestly commend it to our people.

2nd. That we most earnestly and respectfully request the Oregon Legislature at its next session to enact stringent civil damage, confirmed inebriate and local option laws.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. STARR,

Chairman.

XIII.

Report on Tract Cause.

The great good resulting from the distribution of tracts among our people and in our work, should stimulate each one of us to increased effort in this work.

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We are too much inclined to pass over the collection for the Tract cause as of small import. Collections were taken on only twenty-three of our forty-six charges, amounting to \$25.75, a falling off from last year of \$3.75.

Portland District.....	\$14.20
Puget Sound District.....	6.05
Eugene District.....	5.50

A few more years of falling off in our collections such as are indicated in the reports on this subject for the last few years past, will close out this division of our work entirely. We hope that no pastor will come to Conference again without a collection for this worthy cause.

W. BUTT,
Chairman.

XIV.

Report of the Commission on the Re-organization of the Trustees of Willamette University.

The Commission appointed by this Conference one year ago on the re-organization of the Board of Trustees of Willamette University, has carefully considered the subject submitted to it. We have taken pains to inform ourselves with a good degree of thoroughness relative to the whole question of the trusteeship of several of our most important and prosperous institutions of learning. Permit us to call your attention to some of the results of our investigations.

Boston University has thirty trustees, twenty-five of whom are elected by the Board of Trustees, and five by the Alumni, in classes of six each, for a term of five years.

The Indiana Asbury University has twenty-nine trustees and visitors elected by four patronizing Conferences, the term of the trustees being three years.

Dickinson College has forty trustees; they are nominated by several patronizing Conferences and elected by the Board.

The North Western University has thirty-six trustees, twelve of whom are elected by six patronizing Conferences, two by each Conference, for a term of two years, and twenty-four by the Board, in classes of six each, for a term of four years.

Syracuse University has forty-one trustees; nine are elected by the Board for a term of six years, twenty-four by seven patronizing Conferences, for a term of three years, and three by the Alumni for a term of three years, and the Governor of the State, the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the President of the University, are Trustees *ex-officio*.

Wesleyan University has fifty-five trustees—term of office five years; thirteen are elected by thirteen patronizing Conferences, one by each Conference; ten by the Alumni, and the balance by the Board. The President of the University is a Trustee *ex-officio*.

Corresponding facts relative to other of our institutions of learning might be given, but they would be little more than a repetition of those given above.

It will be observed that each of these institutions vests the authority for electing trustees in two or more different bodies. In only one instance are annual Conferences entirely excluded from sharing in such election, that of Boston University, and in this case the charter provides that two-thirds of the trustees must be members of the M. E. Church. In only one instance of those cited, the Indiana Asbury, is the right of election vested solely in annual Conferences. Two, Dickinson and the North Western, divide the authority between several Conferences and the Board of Trustees. The remaining two in our list, Syracuse and Wesleyan, distribute the authority to several Conferences, but these share it also with the Alumni and the Board of Trustees; and this seems to us the wisest plan. It is best adapted to secure the sympathies of the largest possible circle of patrons. It sufficiently guards the question of the Christian character and Methodist proclivities of the trustees. It is sufficiently likely to secure men of large business wisdom, and also to secure a fair proportion of men of culture. One of the professors in Wesleyan University writes us as follows concerning the working of this plan: "The present arrangement seems to me very satisfactory. Scholarship is supposed to be represented by the Alumni trustees and the Conference trustees; religion by the Conference trustees; the spirit of freedom and progress by the Alumni trustees; financial solidity by the trustees elected by the Board. The Board as a whole seems to me sufficiently permanent for conservatism, sufficiently changeable for progress."

In our judgment the best interests of Willamette University would be promoted by the adoption of a similar plan, modified in minor particulars to best suit it to our different circumstances.

We, therefore, recommend the following amendment to the charter of the Willamette University:

In the year 1881, and each year thereafter, five trustees shall be elected by the Oregon Conference, one by the Columbia River Conference, three by the Board of Trustees, and one by the Alumni. They shall hold their office four years, and until their successors are elected. A change in the name of a Conference shall not invalidate its authority to elect trustees. And whenever a new Conference shall be formed in whole or in part out of the territory now occupied by the Oregon or Columbia River Conference, then such Conference shall have authority to elect one trustee annually to hold office for the term of four years, and until his successor shall be elected; provided, that the Board of Trustees shall first request such Conference to make such election. The President of the University shall be a trustee *ex-officio*.

One year ago the Trustees of the Portland Academy and Female Seminary proposed to donate to the Willamette University the property in their possession, or the proceeds of its sale, on certain conditions, that with moral certainty will be met, the same to constitute, with certain other funds, an irreducible endowment fund. But one of the conditions imposed is that this endowment fund shall be placed in the hands of three special trustees, to be

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appointed by the Bishop of the Oregon Conference. Since the creating of such trustees becomes a necessity, it seems to us wise to give them recognition in our charter, and so give them the legal status of a corporation, charged with the sole function of holding in trust for the trustees of Willamette University all irreducible funds and other property designed for the permanent endowment of the University, and of paying over to the Trustees of Willamette University semi-annually the income from such property.

We therefore recommend that the University charter be so amended as to provide for three Endowment Trustees, to be appointed annually by the Bishop of the Oregon Conference, for a term of three years and until their successors shall be appointed, the first three to be appointed at this session of the Conference, and their names to go into the charter, and at their first meeting the term of each to be determined by lot, so that one vacancy shall occur annually and be annually filled.

There is another important matter we venture to treat upon, although its consideration was not specifically committed to us. Several years ago this Conference took action relative to correlating the several Conference Academies with the Willamette University. During the last year the Trustees of the University have taken some steps in the same direction. To facilitate this work and give legal effect to it we further recommend the following amendment to the Charter of the University :

Any chartered institution of learning may become a department of this University by agreement between the Boards of Trustees of the two institutions.

We also recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to carry out the above recommendations.

F. P. TOWER,
N. DOANE,
A. C. FAIRCHILD,
J. N. DENNISON,
Committee.

XII. Report of Conference Stewards.

DISTRICTS AND CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	MISSY APP'R'N.	PREACHERS' CLAIMS.	PREACHERS' RECEIPTS.	P. E. CLAIMS.	P. E. RECEIPTS.	BISHOP'S RECEIPTS.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.
Portland District	A. C. Fairchild, P. E.	\$ 250	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800 00	\$ 250	\$ 250 00	\$ 7 50	\$ 30 00
Portland T. St.	J. H. Acton	\$ 60	1,000	745 00	60	44 00	3 00	2 00
Portland H. St.	L. S. Banks	100						
Portland City Miss.	W. C. Chattin.							
Salem	I. Dillon		1,170	920 00	110	80 00	5 00	20 00
E. Portland Ct.	F. Elliot		600	220 00	60	24 00		
Powell's Valley	T. M. Reese		550	338 00	50	23 00	1 50	4 00
Oregon City	B. J. Sharp	75	712	552 00	55	40 00	2 00	5 00
Clear Creek	To be supplied.	50	250	162 00	50	33 60		
Hubbard	J. W. Miller		600	308 00	70	39 00	1 25	6 35
Jefferson	Wm. Hurlburt	50	750	480 00	70	50 00	2 50	7 30
Dallas	Thos. Magill		650	620 00	60	57 00		5 60
McMinnville	N. Doane		700	600 00	70	56 00	3 00	7 40
Dayton	T. L. Jones		620	620 00	50	50 00	2 75	13 85
Amity	J. Hoberg		400	400 00	32	32 00	2 00	
For Grove & Cor's.	Wm. Roberts	50	722	547 00	70	43 00	2 00	3 00
Hillsboro	T. F. Royal		870	532 00	77	47 00	2 85	9 25
Nestache	Wm. Butt	100						1 00
Sheridan	C. Alderson		600	400 00	75	48 00	2 00	2 75
Totals		\$ 425	\$ 11,194	\$ 9,244 00	\$ 1,209	\$ 946 00	\$ 37 30	\$ 117 90
Eugene City Dist	J. S. McCain, P. E.	\$ 150	\$ 1,000	\$ 404 00	404 00	\$ 12 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 50
Eugene City	I. D. Driver		772	563 48	140	52 90	2 40	5 25
Brownsville	T. L. Sails		700	600 00	75	42 00	4 00	2 00
Shedd's	H. C. Jenkins		230	650	527 00	50	20 00	1 00
Corvallis	W. T. Chapman		800	590 64	50	23 00	4 00	5 00
Albany	J. T. Wolfe		600	110 00		15 60	1 25	1 75
Ashland	L. L. Rogers		100	800			2 00	1 00
Jacksonville	D. A. Crowell		50	472	221 57	44	8 00	
Drain	J. W. Bennett		600	600 00	100	67 00	7 00	8 00
Monroe	P. M. Starr		40	720	140 00		4 50	2 00
Springfield	N. Clark		80					
Empire City	To be supplied.							
Wilbur	J. H. Wood		232	224 55	50	16 25	1 00	
Roseburg	N. A. Starr	50	700	515 75	60	30 50	2 25	3 00
Siletz	W. D. Nichols						1 00	2 00
Sprague River	G. W. Roork							
Klamath	L. M. Nickerson	* 37						
Totals		\$ 737	\$ 7,326	\$ 4,811 99	\$ 560	\$ 283 65	\$ 27 90	\$ 32 50

* Ten dollars of this sum was paid by L. M. Nickerson.

Puget Sound Dist	A. Atwood, P. E.	\$ 250	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050 00	\$ 80	\$ 80 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00
Seattle	J. F. DeVore		700	516 50	50	45 00	2 00	4 00
Olympia	J. McCormac	100		234 62	40	33 02	1 20	5 40
Tacoma	E. Dudley, Sup.	100		50	511 53	45	42 75	2 50
Whidby Island	S. A. Starr		125	450	367 00	35	25 00	50
Ferndale	T. B. Goodpasture		125	645	571 55	45	32 75	2 00
Port Townsend	W. I. Cosper		100	523	448 00	45	35 65	2 00
Tumwater	C. Derrick		50	600	350 00	45	35 03	3 00
Chehalis	To be supplied.		600	600 00	60	40 00	2 00	3 25
Oysterville	J. Mathews	75	625	487 00	60	57 50	3 30	1 00
Vancouver	M. Judy		60	600 00	60	57 50	7 20	
Astoria	John Parsons	100	60	50 00	50	50 00	3 00	3 00
Cowlitz	To be supplied	50			30	25 00		
Lewis River	John Flinn	100	630	530 00	55	50 00	2 00	4 00
East Portland	J. N. Dennison		720	750 00	60	62 50	3 30	8 00
White River	D. L. Spaulding	50	450	132 58	35	25 70	67	2 60
Skagit	To be supplied.	50						
Alaska								
Totals		\$ 1,375	\$ 8,193	\$ 7,098 78	\$ 755	\$ 865 90	\$ 32 97	\$ 45 45

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The Board of Stewards report as follows:

Bishop's Fund..... \$98 25

FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

From Charges..... \$201 60

Chartered Fund..... 30 00

Sabbath Collection..... 40 00—\$ 271 60

DISBURSED.

Widow Royal..... \$44 00

" Leslie..... 44 00

" Rounds..... 44 00

" Mann..... 44 00

Bro. J. W. York..... 44 00

Bro. J. H. B. Royal..... 51 60—\$ 271 60

W. I. COSPER, Chairman.

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Table No. 3.—Statistics of Oregon Annual Conference for 1880---Portland District.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.		No. Sunday Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of All Ages.	No. Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 years old, except Infant Class.	No. Scholars, Infant Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers and Schoolars.	Total Expenses of Schools this year.	No. S.S. Adventuates taken.	No. S.S. Classmates taken.	No. S.S. Journals taken.	No. of Clergymen.	No. of Teachers who are Probationers.	No. of Clergymen and Teachers who are Probationers.	No. of Conventions.		
Dallas	1	9	99	30	25	15	70	75	\$ 25 00	50	.....	.....	2	8	7	.....	
Amity	2	12	56	25	20	150	20	35 00	.....	35	.....	12	21	4	.....		
Forest Grove	3	155	8	35	20	20	20	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	10	15	10	.....	
Nestache	2	8	14	50	30	20	60	15 00	60	60	.....	.....	6	10	8	.....	
Sheridan	3	14	12	100	50	50	60	25 00	.....	25	.....	12	15	10	10	10	.....
McMinnville	1	8	1	52	25	27	27	60 00	.....	60	.....	12	15	6	10	8	.....
Jefferson	1	30	175	200	75	100	175	100	30 00	30	30	30	15	20	25	24	.....
Hillsboro	6	29	200	50	120	90	50	170	30 00	45 00	30	30	6	10	12	15	.....
Dayton	2	1	8	25	95	95	50	170	135 00	135 00	75	75	30	30	25	25	.....
Oregon City	1	1	25	260	120	90	50	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	30	25	25	.....
Salem	1	44	242	101	91	45	45	210	535	45 65	65	100	100	20	20	15	15
Hubbard	6	12	135	40	35	60	90	100	30 00	30 00	20	20	20	20	15	15	15
Powell's Valley	1	52	550	306	100	100	48	46	346 42	75	75	75	47	52	47	47	3
Portland, Hall-st.	2	17	110	48	46	16	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	13	13	13	13	.....
Taylor-st.	2	17	17	48	46	16	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	13	13	13	13	.....
East Portland Circuit	2	206	2,249	819	619	331	1,070	1,750	\$ 792 07	505	50	200	200	210	210	270	270
Totals.....	34	206	2,249	819	619	331	1,070	1,750	\$ 792 07	505	50	200	200	210	210	270	270

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Puget Sound District.

	•	18	100	40	33	27	70	18	\$	18	18	18
Chehalis.....		3	18	40	30	15	40	400	60 00	12	3	3
Oysterville.....		1	3	14	38	8	50	275	15 00	25	6	2
Port Townsend.....		1	10	60	40	10	45	250	40 00	30	4	8
Olympia.....		1	13	65	45	75	120	250	15 00	40	12	13
Lewis River.....		1	26	120	45	28	55	15 00	15 00	15	6	23
Whidby Island.....		1	8	69	12	20	25	50	5 00	5 00	3	4
Tumwater.....		2	6	42	80	2	10	25	75	15 00	15	12
Seattle.....		2	20	110	30	40	40	110	200	60 00	19	30
East Portland.....		2	29	220	50	120	50	160	200	70 00	13	27
Astoria.....		1	6	25	70	40	30	80	20 00	30 00	6	6
Vancouver.....		1	12	140	70	40	30	50	30 00	50	8	10
Ferndale.....		3	18	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....		22	169	1,052	331	416	215	755	1,408	\$ 315 00	337	110
											71	113

Eugene City District.

		15	120	40	50	30	198	\$ 85 00	75	.....	28	14
Eugene City.....		1	36	240	115	75	60	120	87	12 75	20	20
Brownsville.....		2	20	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Shedd's.....		4	30	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Monroe.....		1	14	130	75	40	15	108	83 00	50	12	14
Albany.....		3	18	12	50	70	80	90	112	18 00	18	18
Wilbur.....		10	48	20	20	8	8	36	12	12	5	4
Ashland.....		1	13	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10
Siletz.....		2	10	60	18	30	12	45	30 00	25	6	10
Corvallis.....		1	16	60	30	30	30	50	30	30	16	2
Drain.....		2	182	1,338	338	315	125	647	229 \$ 228 75	212	25	106
Totals.....		20	182	1,338	338	315	125	647	229 \$ 228 75	212	25	146
											97	63

General Summary.

Portland District.....	34	206	2,249	819	619	331	1,070	1,750	\$ 792 07	505	50	200	210	270	85
Puget Sound District.....	22	169	1,052	331	416	215	755	1,408	315 00	337	110	71	113	151	33
Eugene City District.....	20	182	1,338	338	315	125	647	229	228 75	212	25	97	106	146	63
Grand Totals.....	76	557	4,639	1,488	1,350	671	2,472	3,447	\$1335 82	1,054	185	368	423	567	181



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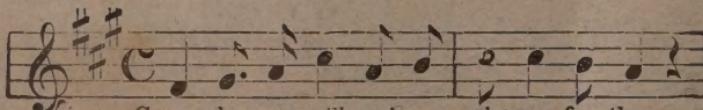
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